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SUBJ: CURRENT GOVERNMENT STRATEGY FOR HANDLING PAST HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE CASES; PROBLEMS WITH PCCH REGARDING ITS ACTIONS IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA

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TEXT: 1. IN MID-JUNE 1990, [REDACTED] THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT STRATEGY VIS-A-VIS THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND INDICATED CERTAIN ACTIONS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) WERE CAUSING PROBLEMS IN THIS REGARD. [REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SURFACE AS MANY HUMAN RIGHTS CASES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO AVOID DRAGGING OUT THE EFFECTS OF THESE ISSUES OVER A PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE SEEN AS EXACERBATING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMED FORCES RATHER THAN HEALING THE WOUNDS EARLY ON IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT PATRICIO ((AYLWIN)) AZOCAR.

2. [REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY AWARE OF ADDITIONAL CLANDESTINE BURIAL SITES LOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

A. LA SERENA, COPIAPO AND CALAMA STEMMING FROM THE "CARAVAN OF DEATH" OF GENERAL SERGIO ((ARELLANO)) IN 1973;

B. CERRO CHENA AND PELDEHUE, BOTH ON ARMY INSTALLATIONS NEAR SANTIAGO; AND

C. PATIO 29 IN THE SANTIAGO GENERAL CEMETERY, A COMMON BURIAL PLOT.

[REDACTED] A NUMBER OF VICTIMS FROM THE SANTIAGO SUBURBS WERE BURIED AT CERRO CHENA, AND THE PRISONERS TAKEN FROM LA MONEDA PALACE IN 1973 WERE BURIED AT PELDEHUE AFTER BEING TRANSFERRED THERE FROM THEIR ORIGINAL GRAVESITES NEAR COLINA WHEN THAT LAND WAS SOLD BY THE ARMY. AS AN INITIAL STEP, THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING SEALING OFF PATIO 29 AND CARRYING OUT THE EXHUMATION OF VARIOUS CORPSES. HOWEVER, ANY ACTIONS AT CERRO CHENA AND PELDEHUE WILL DEPEND ON THE WILLINGNESS OF THE ARMY TO GRANT ACCESS TO THESE LOCATIONS.

3. [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES OF THE PCCH HAVE CONSIDERABLY WORSENERD ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT:

A. PRESSURE TO DRAG OUT HUMAN RIGHTS CASES OVER TIME AS A MEANS OF FORCING THE RESIGNATION OF ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF AUGUSTO ((PINOCHET)) UGARTE AND WEAKEN THE ARMED FORCES IN GENERAL.

B. THE CREATION OF PARALLEL "TRUTH BRIGADES" TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION.

C. THE HOLDING OF A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION ON THE PISAGUA DISCOVERY AND GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS ON 12 JUNE IN FRONT OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND NEAR THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS, WHICH WAS SEEN BY THE GOVERNMENT AS UNNECESSARILY PROVOCATIVE. THE PCCH REJECTED A SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT REQUEST TO NOT HOLD THE DEMONSTRATION, WHICH IN

THE END WAS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED. THE CARABINEROS (NATIONAL UNIFORMED POLICE), HOWEVER, HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO BREAK UP ANY SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT THE REQUIRED LEGAL PERMIT.

D. THE PCCH AGITATION IN THE SLUM AREAS ON HEALTH ISSUES, AND PARTICULARLY THE CREATION OF "MENINGITIS BRIGADES" TO PRESSURE THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO STEP UP ITS EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE DISEASE.

E. THE RECENT PCCH CONGRESS WHICH DEFEATED THE "PERESTROYKA" MOVEMENT WITHIN THE PARTY AND REAFFIRMED THE PREDOMINANCE OF THE HARDLINERS.

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